

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Mildred W. Dunbar Barn Survey Number: G-IV-A-194

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ No ☐ Yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒ X

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Mildred W. Dunbar Barn, probably built in the early twentieth century, attests to the primacy of agriculture in the Oakland region in the early and mid-twentieth century. Agriculture had been the predominant economic activity outside of Oakland in the late nineteenth century, as farmland comprised about 50 percent of the county's land mass in 1880, and more than 60 percent by 1910. Farms of this period typically raised potatoes, orchard products, oats, corn, buckwheat, wheat, rye, and barley as well as cattle, sheep, swine, and horses. Even in the subsequent decades of the twentieth century, as mechanization began to alter many farming practices, most of the area's residents were still employed in agriculture. Twentieth-century farms in the area focused on producing milk, potatoes, hay, corn, small grains, buckwheat, oats, garden vegetables, and maple sugar. The Dunbar barn, although now semi-ruinous and apparently used only for storage, still stands on a large open parcel of pasture or cropland.

Research has not identified any associations with the lives of persons significant to the Oakland area's past or with events that have contributed significantly to broad patterns of the area's historical development. The architecture does not represent a particularly distinctive type, period, or method of construction, nor does it represent the work of a master, possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. This resource has not yet yielded and is not likely to yield significant information important in history or prehistory.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Gabrielle M. Lanier/KCI Technologies, Inc.

Conan - O'Brien  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/17/98  
Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

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Reviewer, NR program

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Mildred W. Dunbar Barn  
G-IV-A-194  
East Side Garrett Highway Near Monte Vista Road  
Oakland Vicinity  
Circa 1930  
Private

This is a one-story, gable-roofed frame barn with a prominent advertisement that says "CHEW MAIL POUCH TOBACCO" painted on one gable. The barn is clad in vertical wooden boards and topped with a partially ruinous standing seam metal gable roof. The doors of the barn face east. It stands on a mostly open and gently sloping piece of land about two miles south of Oakland.

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### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Mildred W. Dunbar Barn

### 2. Location

street & number East Side Garrett Highway near Monte Vista Road \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mildred W. Dunbar

street & number 4537 Underwood Road telephone

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 85-8-74

city, town Oakland liber and folio 308/271

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT  
☐ Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
				Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<u>X</u> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>1</u>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b> <u>0</u>	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This is a one-story, gable-roofed frame barn with a prominent advertisement that says "CHEW MAIL POUCH TOBACCO" painted on one gable. The doors of the barn face east. It stands on a mostly open and gently sloping piece of land about two miles south of Oakland.

The foundation was not visible when the building was surveyed due to a significant snow cover. The barn is clad in vertical wooden boards and topped with a standing seam metal gable roof. When the barn was surveyed, its roof was partially ruinous. The overall color of the building is a weathered brown, although its southwestern gable is painted red.

Two fixed six-light sash windows are evenly placed within a large inset area in the southwestern gable. A second-floor door opening on this same gable contains a solid wood door. A third fixed six-light sash window lights the southeast elevation; in addition, two other wooden doors open into this side of the building.

A rectangular concrete foundation of a demolished building stands to the northwest, parallel to the ridge of the barn. The barn stands at the southernmost corner of a rectangular fenced field. A line of trees and underbrush runs behind the building to the southeast. The ridge of the barn parallels MD 219. The walls of the barn are intact, but because the roof is in semi-ruinous condition and now stands open to the weather, this building is threatened by imminent deterioration.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** Circa 1930

**Builder/Architect** Unknown

**Evaluation for:**

☒ National Register    ☐ Maryland Register    ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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### HISTORIC CONTEXT:

#### **MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Historic Period Theme(s): Agriculture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Barn

Known Design Source: None

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 8.56 acres

Acreage surveyed 8.56 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD - WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 74, Map 85, Grid 8

## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization	KCI Technologies, Inc.	date	3-10-97
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city or town	Hunt Valley	state and zip code	MD 21030-1888

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032  
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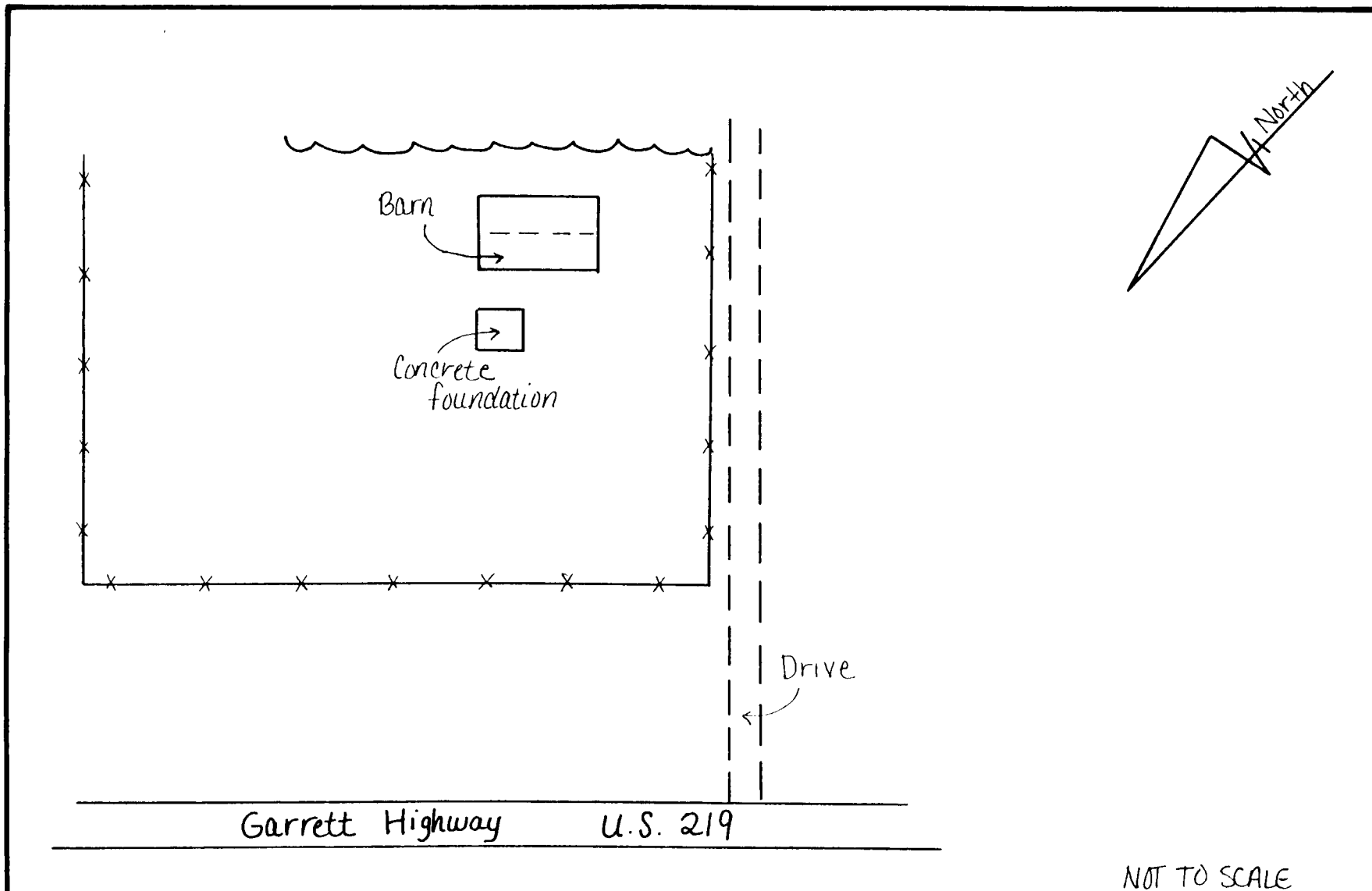
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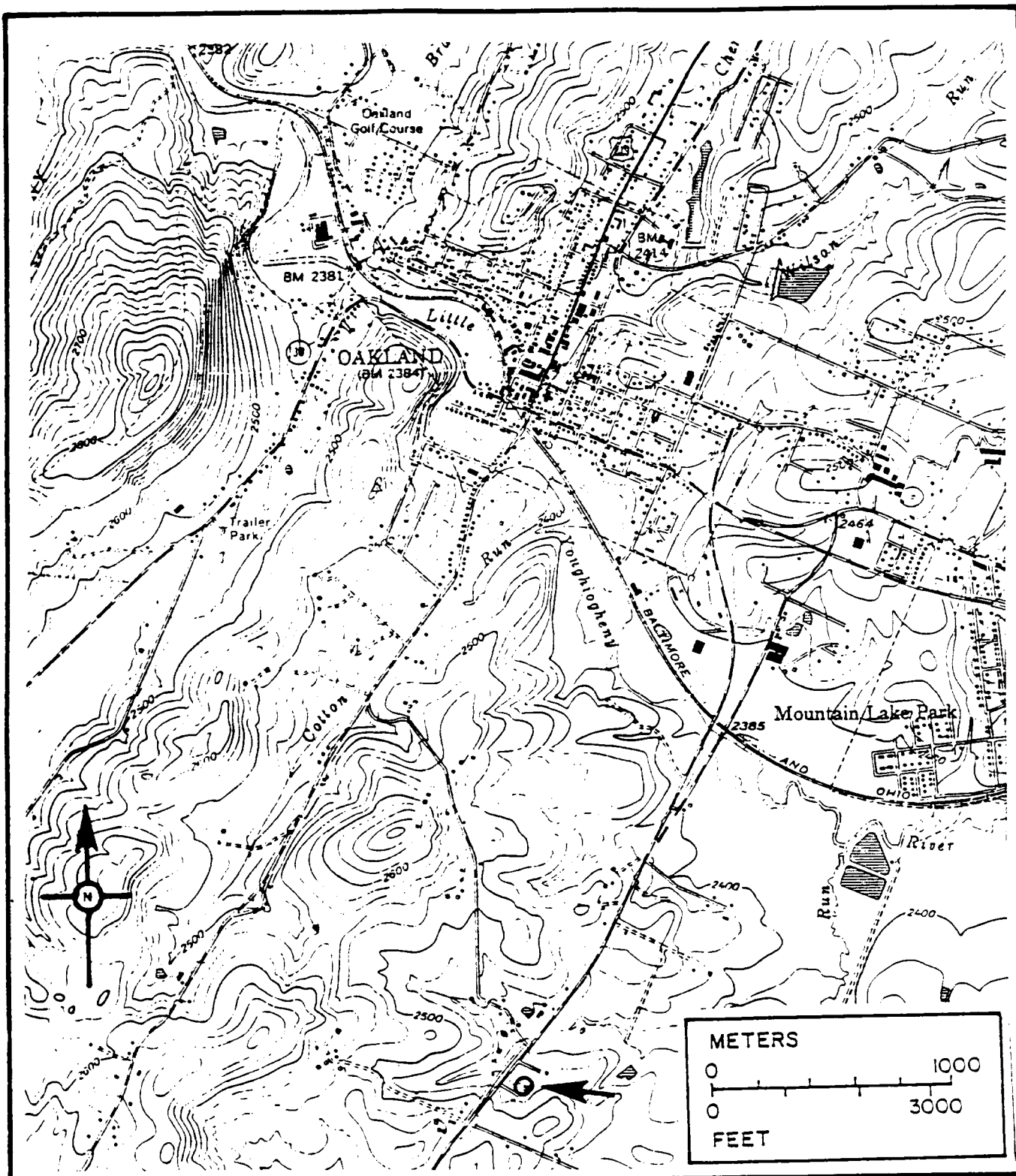
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**Resource Sketch Map**

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Mildred W. Dunbar Barn  
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County



Location Map



G-IV-A-194  
 Mildred W. Dunbar Barn  
 Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County  
 Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)

A black and white photograph of a small, rustic wooden shed with a gabled roof. The shed is situated in a snowy field with a dense forest of bare trees in the background. A large sign is attached to the front of the shed. The sign has the word 'CHEW' at the top, followed by 'MAIL POUCH' in large, bold letters, then 'TOBACCO' below it, and 'TREAT YOURSELF TO THE BEST' at the bottom. The ground is covered in snow, and a simple wire fence is visible to the right of the shed.

CHEW

MAIL POUCH

TOBACCO

TREAT YOURSELF TO THE BEST

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